

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 of the amended sheets have been cancelled and new claims 14-26 added. Thus, claims 14-26 are presented for examination. Applicants respectfully request allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments.

Any amendments in the International Phase are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety in the present Preliminary Amendment.

The amendments are not made for purposes of patentability.

A substitute specification incorporating the changes in this preliminary amendment is provided with this application. No new matter has been added by way of the substitute specification.

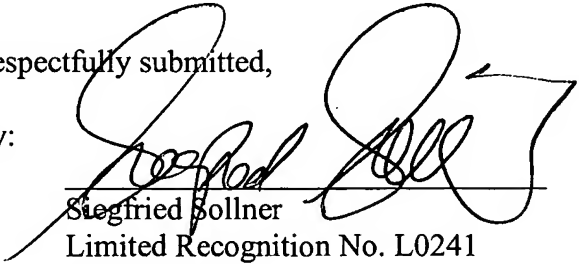
Conclusion

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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